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## FOOD LION STORES ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR DEPLOYED SOLDIERS

RALEIGH – Food Lion stores across the state are now accepting cash donations to purchase "comfort items" for North Carolina soldiers who are stationed overseas as part of Gov. Easley's *Support Our Military Families and Communities Month*.

Eighty-five Food Lion stores in 22 counties will be collecting money at each checkout register. The American Red Cross will use the money to purchase items such as magazines, books, toiletry products and other "comfort items" to send overseas.

Food Lion stores in the following counties will be participating in this event:

Lenoir Robeson Anson Chatham Montgomery Sampson Cumberland Moore Scotland Greene Nash Stanly Harnett Pitt Union Randolph Wayne Hoke Richmond Johnston Wilson

Lee

Gov. Easley declared March *Support Our Military Families and Communities Month* to urge citizens to honor those who are currently serving, their families and their communities. There are approximately 120,000 active duty personnel stationed in North Carolina bases, more than 25,000 residents of North Carolina stationed at bases outside the state and approximately 25,000 civilians serving in the United States Reserve Forces and National Guard Components.

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